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MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

6 April 1956

Present

Members: Richard Bauer, Army
John Shearer, Navy

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Consultants:

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1. The 68th meeting convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 67th meeting were approved with the following emendations:

a. Mr. Lacey, State Department, referred to the third paragraph on page 3, where he felt his statement was reported somewhat out of context. What he had intended to stress, he said, was the desire of working level analysts to reduce the amount of paper which comes before them, without any reduction in hard information.

Mr. Lacey wished to express for the record the pleasure of DRS in the recent conferences with FDD personnel which pointed the way toward resolving difficulties through more active and direct liaison.

He indicated that State was satisfied with the USSR program as amended in liaison, and offered no objection to the similarly proposed program for Eastern Europe. He desired, however, to refer once more to the pronounced imbalance in personnel allocation, and hoped it could be remedied.

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b. [REDACTED] stated that NSA required information on unusual weather conditions in the USSR, as well as reports on Soviet polar expeditions, and requested that such reporting be incorporated in the USSR program.

c. Mr. Bauer, Army, requested that the phrase "files in technical services" in the fourth paragraph, page 2, be amended to read "DA analysts' files conform with an outline, etc."

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25X1A 2. The Acting Chairman informed the committee that an employee
25X1A suggestion had been submitted for the addition to the Transliteration Handbook of transliteration tables prepared by [REDACTED] for Uzbek, Tadzhik, Chuvash, Azerbaijan, and Tuvian languages. The members, on query, offered no objection to the inclusion of the [REDACTED] transliterations. The Acting Chairman also requested the members to determine whether any transliteration tables in addition to those (Turkic) now being prepared, were required.

3. Consideration of the USSR Program

25X1A CIA: [REDACTED] remarked that the Agency has a continuing
25X1A interest in some subjects now found in Tab B (USSR). He could not, however, endorse an exchange of these subjects with any Tab A items. The Acting Chairman suggested that Tab B subjects, to which Mr. [REDACTED] referred, be emphasized in the report to the Advisory Committee.

4. Consideration of the Eastern Europe Program.

Army: Mr. Bauer commented that Tab A was generally acceptable to Army, but that some concern had been shown for whole subjects relegated to Tab B. He referred to the case of Hungary where, he felt the electronics industry and locomotive production at least should be covered.

25X1A NSA: [REDACTED] stated that NSA's interest in unusual
25X1A weather conditions extended to the Satellite area as well.

[REDACTED] stated that information on unusual weather conditions would normally be reported in the agriculture section of the Weekly Economic Information Report on Eastern Europe.

The Committee then determined to review Tabs A and B on a country by country basis. In the course of the discussion the following recommendations were made:

Albania

Tab A - Include health and sanitation, unusual weather, and manpower in the program; emphasize motor vehicle transport to the exclusion, if necessary, of information on rail transportation.

Tab B - Eliminate entirely.

Bulgaria

Tab A - Include health and sanitation, motor vehicle transport, and any evidence of defense production.

Tab B - Reduce manpower on scientific and technological developments in ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgy to six tenths. Eliminate transportation.

Czechoslovakia

Tab A - Reduce manpower on agriculture to four tenths; add one tenth manpower to D.8. to include petroleum. Exchange D.12 of Tab A with B.12 of Tab B.

Tab B - Reduce manpower on electric power to five tenths; consider B.11 as top priority in Tab B.

East Germany

Tab A - Eliminate three tenths manpower on military; review requirements for information on East Germany to determine whether some manpower cannot be allocated to other countries of Eastern Europe.

Hungary

Tab A - Reduce manpower on military to three tenths and use two tenths manpower thus made available to report items on electronics industry; reduce manpower on agriculture to three tenths and use two tenths manpower thus saved to report on solid fuels.

Tab B - Eliminate agriculture; reduce 2 persons estimated necessary to cover solid fuels, petroleum and electric power to one person; reduce manpower on chemicals to five tenths; reduce manpower on ferrous and non-ferrous metals to two tenths.

The proposed Tabs A and B were otherwise agreed upon. Members were urged to review their respective priorities in Tab B so that collation may be made for the report to the Advisory Committee.

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5. Agenda for the next meeting will be examination of:

a. Poland, Rumania, and Yugoslavia;

b. Communist Far East.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held 20 April 1956 at 1400 hours in Room 2125 M Building.

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